



## CITY OF ATLANTA

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November 14, 2011

Ms. Joy Morrissey, Board Chair  
Atlanta Citizen Review Board  
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint #10-72 and #10-73/  
Shawn Venegas and Brian Kidd

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's (ACRB) letter, dated September 12, 2011, recommending that allegations of false imprisonment be sustained against Officer Cayenne Mayes, Officer Travis Britt and Officer Dion Mercedith and that an allegation of excessive force be sustained against Officer Cayenne Mayes as a result of the ACRB's investigation into the above referenced complaints filed by Shawn Venegas and Brian Kidd.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards (OPS) has concluded its investigation into this matter and determined that there was sufficient evidence to sustain the charge of violating Atlanta Police Department (APD) Employee Work Rule 4.2.33 (Conformance to Directives) against Officers Britt and Mayes for their failure to conform to the APD's Search and Seizure Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Additionally, OPS was able to conclude that there was sufficient evidence to sustain the charge of violating APD Employee Work Rule 4.2.21 (Submitting Reports) against Officer Mayes due to his actions of submitting reports which were inaccurate and incomplete during this incident. OPS also determined that there was not sufficient evidence to sustain violations of Atlanta Police Department Work Rules 4.1.1 (Appropriate Action Required) and 4.2.2 (Courtesy) against Officers Britt, Mayes, and Meredith.

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Having assessed the determinations of both the ACRB and OPS, I accept, with modifications the findings of the board as it pertains to Officers Britt and Mayes -as outlined above - and reject the findings of the board as it pertains to Officer Meredith.

Major E. B. Dancy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 658-7028, if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George N. Turner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George N. Turner  
Chief of Police